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LONDON FOR THIGPEN

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL PREPARATORY GROUP

REF: STATE 223609

1. WE CONVEYED THE TEXT OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES SYSTEM TO RABOT ON SEPTEMBER 19, AND MADE THE POINT VERBATIM AS STATED IN PARA 3 OF THE REFTEL.

2. RABOT GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF HAVING AWAITED OUR DELIVERY OF THIS PROPOSAL WITH ANTICIPATION. THE FEW COMMENTS HE MADE REGARDING ITS CONTENTS WERE NON-COMMITAL

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AND IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT

WITH US UNTIL AFTER HE HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE IT HIMSELF. (MALVE HAD TOLD US PREVIOUSLY THAT THE LONDON MEETING WOULD BE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE 113 COMMITTEE TODAY.)

3. IN ANY EVENT, RABOT STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE US THE COMMUNITY'S DECISION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE LONDON RESERVES MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 29-30 UNTIL AT LEAST SETPEMBER 22 AND PROBABLY SEPTEMBER 23.

4. RABOT DOUBTED THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET ITS RESERVE COMMITMENTS BASED ON USE OF PRIVATE STORAGE FACILITIES. HE COULDN'T SEE HOW THE US GOVERNMENT COULD GUARANTEE THAT STOCKS WOULD (1) BE ACQUIRED OR (2) MORE IMPORTANTLY, BE RELEASED AS NECESSARY UNDER THE AGREEMENT. COMMENT: THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN DISCUSSING THESES POINTS WITH THE COMMISSION TO BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE WITH PRECISION THE MECHANISM WHEREBY THE US GOVERNMENT COULD USE PRIVATE FACILITIES AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR ACQUIA- ITION, STORAGE AND RELEASE OF RESERVES. WE ASSURED RABOT THAT THE STORAGE FACILITIES WERE IN PLACE AND THAT THE USG COULD MAKE IT FINANCIALLY ATTRACTIVE TO FARMER TO STORE OR RELEASE GRAIN. THEREFORE, THIS IS A MANAGEABLE PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BE PREPARED TO SPEAK PRECISELY DETAILS IN FUTURE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY.
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